

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 *(B)* 1. In a fishing lure or bait constructed having a body
2 utilized to catch ictalurid catfish, and fish with similar feeding
3 *NP* behavior, the improvement which comprises the incorporation of an
4 effective amount of *(B)* (a) one or more of the free amino acids: L-
5 *ML* alanine, L-arginine, L-proline, or mixtures thereof with said body;
6 wherein said effective amount is an amount which will release the
7 snapping and biting response of said fish.

B 1 2. The ^{*catfish*} ~~fishing lure or bait~~ of claim 1 wherein all three of
2 the free amino acids is present.

B 1 3. The ^{*catfish*} ~~fishing lure or bait~~ of claim 1 wherein the one or
2 more free amino acids is present in an amount which will produce,
3 when placed in a body of water, plumes having a concentration of
4 *B* one or more of: at least about 0.001M L-alanine, at least about
5 *L* 0.001M L-proline, and at least about 0.0001M L-arginine.

B 1 4. The ^{*catfish*} ~~fishing lure or bait~~ of claim 3 wherein all three of
2 said free amino acids are present.

1 5. A fishing lure or bait of claim 1 wherein said body is
2 constructed having an exterior which is a shade of brown or black.

1 6. A fishing lure or bait of claim 1 wherein said body is
2 constructed at least in part from a material which will absorb said
3 free amino acid which have been dissolved in liquid and which
4 allows said amino acid to dissipate into the water being fished
5 upon the submergence of said fishing lure or bait into said water.

END

1 7. A fishing lure or bait of Claim 1 wherein said body is
2 constructed from material which is substantially odorless and
3 tasteless.